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Gulf Communications Partnership

MM Docket 93-136

RM-8161

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Gulf Communciations Partnership, permittee of Station WAAD(FM), Tice, Florida, are an original and four copies of its "Response to Joint Opposition to Motion for Leave to File Comments" in the above-captioned rule making proceeding.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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In the Matter of

MM Docket 93-136 RM-8161

Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments FM Broadcast Stations (Key Largo, Key Colony Beach, Marathon, Florida)

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

## RESPONSE TO JOINT OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE COMMENTS

Gulf Communications Partnership ("Gulf"), permittee of Station WAAD(FM), Tice, Florida, by its counsel, hereby respectfully responds to the Joint Opposition filed by Okeechobee Broadcasters, Inc., licensee of WOKC-FM, Okeechobee, Florida, WSUV, Inc., licensee of WROC-FM, Fort Myers Villas, Florida, and Jupiter Broadcasting Corporation, permittee of WADY-FM, Jupiter, Florida (collectively "Commenters"). Gulf states as follows:

Commenters oppose on procedural grounds Gulf's motion for leave to submit an alternative channel for a Key Colony Beach, Florida, permittee (WKKB). Their objection is motivated by their concern that the channel proposed by Gulf for Key Colony Beach had apparently already been utilized by Commenters in connection with an omnibus compromise proposal submitted in reply comments in August 1993. Unfortunately, however, because Commenters' proposal was filed late and offered only as a

suggestion for an upgrade accommodation for a Marathon station, it never found its way into the Commission's database. As a result, Gulf was unaware of the conflict between its proposal and Commenters' proposal until it received their pleading.

- 2. In filing its motion, Gulf did not seek to become a party in the instant proceeding or to delay it in any fashion. Gulf's pleading was not in a strict sense intended as a mutually exclusive counterproposal to the proposals made in the instant docket. Rather, Gulf sought to put the Commission and the parties herein on notice of its Tice proposal, which Gulf understood only indirectly impacted on the Key Largo proposals and could easily be reconciled with all of them. Gulf hoped thereby to attempt to avoid delay and the necessity of twice changing the Key Colony Beach station's channel, which would not serve any public or private interest. Gulf will not debate with Commenters the procedural equities of a party who objects to concededly late-filed comments which conflict with its own late-filed channel proposal.
- 3. Instead, Gulf endorses the revised compromise proposal for Key Colony Beach specified in Commenters' Joint Opposition, namely to allot Channel 267C2 to Key Colony Beach. As explained in the attached Technical Exhibit prepared by Gulf's consultant, that channel would fit at WKKB's proposed site, meet all

Commission spacing requirements, and would not impact on any other facility or any other proposal in the instant docket.

Adoption of this compromise would expedite the initiation of improved service to the communities at issue and harm no party. Gulf is filing under separate cover in the Tice rulemaking an amendment to its petition for rulemaking to incorporate this approach. Gulf urges the Commission to adopt this alternative, now endorsed by parties in both the Key Largo and Tice rule makings.

Respectfully submitted,
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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rebecca Ingham, a secretary in the law firm of Fletcher, Heald and Hildreth, do hereby certify that true copies of the foregoing "Response to Joint Opposition to Motion for Leave to File Comments" were sent this 2nd day of June, 1994, by postage paid first-class United States mail to the following:

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#### TECHNICAL STATEMENT

This Technical Statement and attached exhibits were prepared on behalf of Gulf Communications Partnership ("Gulf"), permittee of station WAAD, Channel 229A, Tice, Florida. Gulf is filing supplemental comments in MM Docket #93-136. Gulf, in a separate proceeding, requested, among other changes to the Table of Allotments, substitution of Channel 237C2 for Channel 288C2 at Key Colony Beach, Florida. In the scope of MM Docket #93-136, one of the proposals is the requested substitution of Channel 280C2 for Channel 288C2 at Key Colony Beach.

As previously shown, the existing Channel 288C2 Key Colony Beach allocation does not conflict with the changes sought by Gulf. The allotment of Channel 280C2 to Key Colony Beach, as requested in MM Docket #93-136, would preclude the upgrade and subsequent substitutions which Gulf is seeking. Therefore, in its proposal, Gulf requested Channel 237C2, rather than Channel 280C2, be substituted for Channel 288C2. It has come to Gulf's attention that several parties in MM Docket #93-136 filed joint reply comments, suggesting the use of Channel 237C2 as an

alternate channel for Marathon, Florida, in lieu of Channel 288C2. Gulf's proposed use of Channel 237C2 would conflict with this joint proposal. In order to eliminate any conflict with the proposals being considered in MM Docket #93-136, Gulf proposes an alternate channel for Key Colony Beach, Florida. As shown on the attached Exhibit #1, Channel 267C2 can be substituted for Channel 288C2 at Key Colony Beach, Florida, at the authorized WKKB site without impacting any other facility or any of the requests in this instant docket. Further, the channel meets all of the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements to all licensed, applied for or proposed facilities.

The foregoing technical statement was prepared on behalf of Gulf Communications Partnership by Graham Brock, Inc., its Technical Consultants. All of the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of our belief and knowledge. FM data noted in these comments was extracted from the NTIA database, updated on March 27, 1994. We assume no liability for errors or omissions in that database which may be adverse to the proposals set forth herein.

# ALLOCATION STUDY FOR KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA USING WKKB CONSTRUCTION PERMIT SITE AS REFERENCE

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ALLOCATION STUDY CHANNEL 267C2

EXHIBIT #1
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS
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TICE, FLORIDA

June 1994

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#### AFFIDAVIT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSULTANT

State of Georgia )
St. Simons Island ) ss:
County of Glynn )

JEFFERSON G. BROCK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an officer of Graham Brock, Inc. Graham Brock has been engaged by Gulf Communications Partnership, permittee of Radio Station WAAD, to prepare the attached Technical Exhibit.

His qualifications are a matter of record before the Federal Communications Commission. He has been active in Broadcast Engineering since 1979.

The attached report was either prepared by him or under his direction and all material and exhibits attached hereto are believed to be true and correct.

This the 1st day of June, 1994

JEFFERSON G. BROCK

Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 1st day of June, 1994

Notary Public, State of Georgia

My Commission Expires: September 8, 1995